
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1049 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY POLINCHOCK, BURNS, CAUSER, SCHLEGEL CULVER,
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OCTOBER 16, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Dysautonomia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that
4 result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which
5 is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions, such as
6 respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion and
7 temperature control; and

8 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare
9 diseases, including Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic
10 Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting
11 millions of people in the United States and around the world,
12 including Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic
13 Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

14 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race
15 or background, including many individuals living in this
16 Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and

1 can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those
2 impacted and financial hardship; and

3 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia can result in death,
4 causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and
5 their loved ones; and

6 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help
7 patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives and
8 foster support for individuals and families coping with
9 dysautonomia in our communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
11 organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with
12 dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate "Dysautonomia
13 Awareness Month" each October around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, We seek to recognize the contributions of the
15 professional medical community, patients and family members who
16 are working to educate our residents about dysautonomia in this
17 Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 month of October 2020 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in
20 Pennsylvania.